

City Clerk's Office
April 11, 2016
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on April 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Steve Schell, Vance Keller, Matt Gould, and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Kaiya Maas, Assistant City Clerk, Rob Gale, City Attorney, and David Stimatze, Fire Chief. Patty and Gary Helsel were also in attendance. Absent was Councilman Dustin Doze.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments.

Councilwoman Boy presented Patty and Gary Helsel with Citizen of the Month awards. The Helsels were nominated for picking up trash while they were out walking.

Councilman Keller made motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schell. Agenda was adopted with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schell and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilwoman Boy made motion to approve Appropriation Ord. #921 in the amount of \$150,758.40. Councilman Schell seconded the motion and the appropriation ordinance was approved.

Councilman Keller made motion to approve the Syracuse-Hamilton County Planning Commission's recommendation for conditional use at 306 N. Hamilton Street to allow a salon. There was one added condition that the sign would not be bigger than one foot by two feet. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Boy. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilman Keller made motion to block off Main Street from the library to the north end of the playground on April 29th for the PTO carnival from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Councilman Schell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Website maintenance was discussed. Dinkel thought someone in the office should have some training for maintenance. Kaiya Maas was asked if she would like to learn, she responded that she would like to think about it. Councilman Keller will talk to Sarah Schwerdfeger to see if she would continue to help maintain the site and also train someone in the office.

The cost of insurance for the Sand Park was discussed. The current quote is very high. The City of Syracuse will keep looking for lower priced insurance.

Councilman Keller made motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes starting at 5:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gould. Dinkel and Gale were invited to stay for the executive session.

The meeting resumed at 5:25 p.m. Councilman Keller made motion to increase Brian Bloyd's salary by \$1000 per year due to becoming a certified waste water facility operator. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gould. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Sand Park: Some of the buffalo grass that was seeded last year is up. Poker run will be held on April 30, 2016 starting at dark.

City Administrator: KDHE was notified that Fullmer Cattle has been pumping lagoon water in to a ditch running into a neighboring pasture. Some areas of town have been experiencing rusty water and we are looking into the cause. Bloyd told the council the oil for sealing streets is locked in at \$2.39 per gallon. The sealing sand should be delivered within the next week. The City and the County will be working together on a few joint projects this spring and summer.

City Clerk: Dinkel will be attending an area wide City Clerk meeting on April 13th in Garden City. If Kaiya Maas also attends, the office will be closed for most of the day. Dinkel and Bloyd have discussed renting the storage area of the new sand park building for parties, etc.

Round Table: Making some aesthetic improvements around the Post office was discussed.

Councilman Schell made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

Blake Upson, Mayor